

L. T. BELL, Monroe City, Missouri.

❧ PRACTICAL GIFTS ❧

That all absorbing question "What to Give?" Should not trouble you for a moment. TAKE A LOOK THROUGH :

BELL'S - BIG - CLOTHING - STORE!

Every counter, case and table bubbles and glows with practical suggestions. A stock with no equal in Northeast Mo. Everything in

READY-WEAR ATTIRE

In almost infinite profusion and variety, all marked at prices in keeping with the reputation that we have for underselling all other stores, not only at Christmas time but the year around.

Mufflers and Handkerchiefs.

A few items from a stock that really deserves a page, always appropriate gifts.

Full line of Celebrated Oxford Mufflers, the newest patterns, put up one in a box, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Men's English and Austrian Mufflers in Cashmere Silk, Wool Mixed and all Silk, extra values at 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Men's all Silk Pure White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with fancy colored border imported to sell at 40c, famous holiday special 25c, or \$1.40 half dozen.

Full line of White Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, full size at 25c, 50c, 75c.

Men's imported all pure linen Handkerchiefs, full size and hemstitched, all hand embroidered initials, put up half dozen in fancy box, 25c each, or per box of one half dozen \$1.40.

Men's Silk Initial Batiste Handkerchiefs full size, worth 25c, for 20c.

Fancy Holiday Suspenders.

Beauty and serviceability combined, what man but would appreciate a gift like this?

Elegant line of solid silver trimmed Silk Suspenders, made of the finest material, put up in fancy glass boxes ready for presenta-

tion, a magnificent gift, the price ranges from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Full line of celebrated Crown made Suspenders, kid and corded ends, handsome webs, the prices 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

The genuine Guyot Suspenders, all new patterns, always 50c, we cut the price this week to 40c.

Men's fancy web suspenders with Mohair ends put up in fancy box, most stores ask 40c, our price 25c.

Genuine all Silk Boston Garters put up in neat box, all colors sold usually for 50c, our holiday price 20c.

Men's Holiday Goods.

A representative gathering from the best manufacturers at home and abroad.

A lot of Adler's Celebrated Dress Kid Gloves for men, special at 50c.

Men's and Boy's Wool Mitts and Gloves actually worth 55c, special at 20c.

Men's silk lined Dress Kid Gloves, new shades, these goods are noted for the ease of getting them on or off, sold by others at \$1.50, our price \$1.00.

Swell Holiday Neckwear.

If you buy here you're sure of getting the correct style at the lowest prices.

Boys' all silk Teck Scarfs—full band—silk lined—beautiful new patterns—always

25c, our price 20c.

Men's all silk Teck Scarfs, with fancy white silk lining, full band, beautiful patterns, each put up in fancy box, usual price 50c, our price with box 40c.

A new line of Men's Black Silk and Satin Neckwear, all shape, equal to any 50c line, our price 25c.

Men's Fashionable Neck Dressing in latest English Novelties, each put up in a fancy glass box, lace trimmed, all the latest styles, such as Haberdashers charge 50c for, our price 40c.

Shirts.

Many people are puzzled what to buy for brother or father. Let us suggest Shirts.

No man ever had so many but what a new and stylish one was acceptable. Our holiday showing is superb—every pattern a choice one, and a full line of the pure white ones for those who prefer them to the fancy shirts. Three price hints:

Celebrated Elgin and Monarch White Laundry Shirts, all sizes and sleeve lengths, any style of bosom you like best—the price \$1.00, at 75c.

Men's Colored Percale Laundry Shirts, without collars, one pair of detachable cuffs—the Celebrated Eagle brand that always sells for \$1.00, special at 75c.

Boys' Colored Laundry Shirts, with or without collars, one pair cuffs detached, worth 75c for 50c.

COUNTY LINE ITEMS.

Roads in fine shape. League services were conducted at DeMoss Sunday night by Samuel Mounce. Thursday night is the regular business meeting. Every body invited to attend. J. L. Melson had eight hands employed harvesting ice this week. He

succeeded in getting about thirty tons in the house. Doubtless he is prepared to enjoy life through the heat.

H. C. Underhill is seriously ill again.

Christy Underhill returned Thursday from a short visit to the Bluff City.

EAST MARION COUNTY.

As my last letter found its way to the waste basket I thought I would try my hand again.

People in this vicinity are very busy putting up ice.

Skating and parties are the order of the day.

The people down this way are making preparations for Christmas.

Get ready for Christmas. Old Santa is coming.

Tom Phillips, of near Philadelphia, had his new house completed and expects to move in next week.

Miss Maude Bloomer returned to her home last week after an extended visit with Ohio relatives.

JOANNA ITEMS.

There will be a protracted meeting at Mt Pleasant School House Christmas week.

Miss Eva Burnett visited the family of W. W. Adams last Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of young folks spent Sunday evening skating.

A box supper will be given by the ladies of Oakland church the 7th of January for the benefit of the church.

Miss Susan Wilson is reported to be on the sick list.

T. L. Utterback is on the sick list.

Our School at Mt Pleasant is progressing very nicely under the management of Miss Eva Burnett.

Prayer meeting and singing continues with great success at Oakland church every Wednesday night.

HATCH ITEMS.

Hummer is a hummer and uses all the news he can get.

Our city is in a lovely place and every thing going well.

Several from this place attended mass at Brush Creek Sunday. Rev. Father Shiel preached an eloquent sermon on the Coming of Our Savior.

Mr. Abel, of Illinois, is here on business.

James Elliott was in Hannibal on business last week.

John Watts was in Center last week.

Our Sunday School at Aerial is progressing nicely.

Christmas will soon be here and our young folk are anticipating a grand time.

Tom Bell and sister, Virgie will return Dec. 21st from Columbia State University and spend the holidays with their parents.

Pius Kendrick, one our neighbor boys, bought a cook stove at a sale last week. Wonder who will cook for him?

The DEMOCRAT has our heartfelt thanks for favors.

Our merchant went to Hannibal on business this week.

Esq. Alexander was in Hannibal last week.

Several from here attenden a social in Huntington Tuesday night at Mrs. Susan Glascock's. All report a nice time.

Miss Beulah Daniels entertained a number of her friends Monday evening.

Several dances are on hand for Christmas in our vicinity.

The roads are fine.

Our boys report a nice time at the Hazzard literary Saturday night.

We expect to help kill rabbits for the poor in St. Louis Dec. 21st and

22nd and deliver them in Monroe City the 23rd, but do not expect to get the largest number.

Ernest Elliott was in Hannibal Thursday.

The ice men commenced harvesting and packing their crop Monday.

Miss Bush Hagan was the guest of the homefolk and friends near Indian Creek Sunday.

B. O. Wood is opening up and getting his Christmas goods ready for inspection and Sale—especially Sale.

RACKET!

The Greatest Display of
HOLIDAY GOODS

—AT—

Money Saving Prices.

Mixed Candies 4 lbs. for 25c.
Mixed Cream and Perfumed Candies 20c equal to any 35c goods
Mixed Nuts, 15c.

4 lbs good Raisins, 25c.
The largest line Dolls in town from 1c to 50c. Our 25c and 30c dolls are equal to any 40c goods in town.

Albums from 50c to \$3.50. Regular \$2.25 and \$2.50 at \$1.75.

Toilet Sets, Handkerchief Boxes and Sets, from 25c to \$3.00. Our \$1.00 and \$1.25 goods are just the same you pay other merchants \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Collar and Cuff Boxes, 1.50 and 2.00 for 1.00 and 1.25.

Large line Neckties at about half price.

Men's Satten Suspenders, 25c.

TOYS for the little Boys, playthings for the little Girl, in fact, just the thing you want for a present at just the right price.

The Money Saving House of Monroe City.

S. CHRISTIAN.

WHY WORRY?

I have just what you want for a Sensible

CHRISTMAS : PRESENT.

❧ COOK STOVES, ❧

ROASTING PANS,

WATER SETS,

PLATED KNIVES,

FORKS AND SPOONS,

SKATES, POCKET KNIVES,

SCISSORS AND SHEARS,

RAZORS,

BREAD KNIVES,

CARVING SETS,

NUT PICKS, NUT CRACKERS, ETC.

R. Manning Walker,

The Leading Hardware and Store Dealer.